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Hon. Nicholas G. Garaufis  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
U.S. Courthouse  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: United States v. Mirsad Kandic  
Cr. Docket No. 17-449 (NGG)

Dear Judge Garaufis:

I was appointed to represent Mr. Kandic in the above-referenced matter at arraignment, on November 1, 2017.

I met with him at the Metropolitan Correctional Center earlier today. In that meeting, he expressed his dissatisfaction with my services. He would like new counsel and he specifically requested representation by the Federal Defender Services. I support his request for new counsel and request a conference for appointment of new counsel at the Court's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Branden